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DETECTION

Of the gross Falsities which the Separate Traders to *Africa* endeavour to impose on the Publick, by a printed Paper, intituled, *An Account of the Ships imployed in the African Trade, &c.*

TH^O the Separate Traders know very well that their Entries in the Custom-house Books, is the only Rule by which their Exports can be ascertain'd; yet Truth is so little in their Thoughts, and so inconsistent with their Designs, that they industriously do all they can to stifle it, by continually amusing and perplexing the Honourable House with fabulous Stories and falacious Computations, without any real Foundation but their own Invention.

By their aforesaid political Account, they pretend, or at least would insinuate (tho' in fact it is false) that they imploy sixty one Ships yearly in the *African Trade*; and swell up the pretended value of their Ships and Exports to a most extravagant Degree: And the better to prevent a Detection of their fallacious Method of Reckoning, they take Care not to make any mention of the several Times when these Ships were dispatch'd, nor to distinguish the Value of the Ships from that of the Cargoes; but, for the sake of Brevity (or rather Confusion) lump altogether at random, by Hundreds and Thousands of Pounds, without any smaller Fractions.

However, to undeceive the Publick, by shewing the vast difference between the pretended and real Exports of the Separate Traders to *Africa*, the following Specimen may serve.

L O N D O N.

Ships Names.	Separate Traders pretended Va- luation.			Their real En- tries on Oath.		
	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
<i>Dolphin</i> ———	5000	: 00	: 00	1419	: 7	: 09
<i>Herbert</i> ———	1600	: 00	: 00	570	: 12	: 06
<i>London</i> ———	4000	: 00	: 00	1354	: 15	: 00
<i>Newport</i> ———	3000	: 00	: 00	924	: 5	: 00
<i>Recovery</i> ———	4500	: 00	: 00	1267	: 00	: 00
<i>Swallow</i> ———	3800	: 00	: 00	1132	: 19	: 06
<i>Raper</i> ———	5600	: 00	: 00	1131	: 12	: 06
<i>Fanteen</i> ———	4500	: 00	: 00	1287	: 15	: 00
<i>South-Carolina</i> ———	3000	: 00	: 00	495	: 10	: 06
<i>Sarah</i> ———	3000	: 00	: 00	902	: 12	: 08
<i>Davers Galley</i> ———	4200	: 00	: 00	1472	: 17	: 00
	42200	: 00	: 00	11959	: 07	: 05

Thus the separate Traders would, by their Political Calculations, impose indirectly on the Credulity of such as may be strangers to their way of Computing, that in these 11 Ships they exported in one Year, Goods to the value of 42200 *l.* Tho' it appears clearly by the Exporters own Oaths at the Custom-house as above that their real Exports amount only to 11959 *l.* 7 *s.* 5 *d.* However, to this they have a sham Answer in reserve, *viz.* That the remaining 30240 *l.* 12 *s.* 7 *d.* is the computed value of their eleven Ships above named: But let any intelligent Person judge whether Men in their senses would ever send out Ships of that pretended value, with such trifling Cargoes; or whether they would in reality yield, by inch of Candle, the sixth Part of that Money in *London.*

The same or the like Difference holds also with respect to the imaginary Computation made of the pretended yearly Exports from *Bristol* to *Africa*; and the ridiculousness of their boasted Performances is particularly exposed in another Paper, delivered this Day to the Honourable House.

All which being duly considered, it is humbly hoped, that the Wisdom of the Honourable House will not be prevail'd upon, by such Amusements to do any thing that may seem to lessen the Right and Property of a Company, who have, at a very great Charge and Expence, laid the first real Foundation of, and all along preserved the *African* Trade to this Nation.

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